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SUB: NIE 11-8-70, "SOVIET FORCES FOR INTERCONTINENTAL ATTACK,"  
 TO THE [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT TO [REDACTED] RELEASE OF NIE 11-8-70,  
 WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.

THE ATTACHED ESTIMATE, NIE 11-8-70, "SOVIET FORCES FOR INTER-  
 CONTINENTAL ATTACK," HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED BOTH IN CON-  
 TENT AND FORMAT COMPARED TO PREVIOUS ESTIMATES IN THIS SERIES.  
 THIS YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PRINCIPAL USERS,  
 WE ARE TAKING A NEW APPROACH TO THE ESTIMATES ON SOVIET MILITARY  
 CAPABILITIES, AND THEY WILL BE MUCH MORE VOLUMINOUS AND DETAILED  
 THAN HERETOFORE, WITH A GREATER ELABORATION OF THE FACTS, ANALYSIS  
 ARE ARGUMENT UNDERLYING THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS. ALSO, DISSENTING  
 OPINIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS, WITH SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS, ARE NOW  
 INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OR AS ANNEXES.

IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SCOPE MANAGEABLE, WHILE MAKING THE MORE  
 DETAILED ANALYSIS AS MEANINGFUL AS POSSIBLE, SOVIET OFFENSIVE  
 FORCES HAVE BEEN DIVIDED ARBITRARILY BETWEEN LONG RANGE OFFENSIVE  
 SYSTEMS, WHICH ARE TREATED IN THIS PAPER, AND OTHER SOVIET  
 OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS, SUCH AS MR/IRBMS, MEDIUM BOMBERS, GROUND  
 FORCES, ETC., WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A COMPANION ESTIMATE,  
 NIE 11-14, "SOVIET FORCES FOR OPERATIONS IN EURASIA," NOW IN  
 PREPARATION.

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